

## **REMARKS**

Pursuant to the Examiner's present election/restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of **Group II**, namely a passivation solution. Applicants note that Claims 13-19 (amendments inclusive), and new Claims 43-72, are directed to the elected invention. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims 13-19 and 43-72 do not introduce new matter, support being found for same in at least pages 26-30 of the originally filed specification.

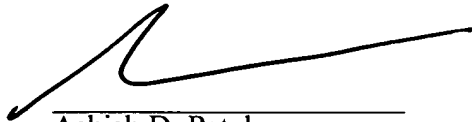
Applicants respectfully reserve their right to prosecute the non-elected subject matter in subsequent applications.

## CONCLUSION

Should there be any questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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